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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY LIMIT OF JAPANESE ELECTRONIC EXPORTS
TO BENELUX

REF: HAGUE LOU 2927, BRUSSELS LOU 3592

1. JAPAN HAS AGREED TO VOLUNTARILY LIMIT ITS EXPORTS OF
RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, CASSETTE AND TAPE RECORDERS
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS TO BENELUX. AGREEMENT
WAS REACHED DEMBER 12 AT BELEUX-JAPANESE TRADE
PROTOCOL CONSULTATIONS IN THE HAGUE. IN CONSEQUENCE
THIS AGREEMENT, BENELUX IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON THESE
PRODUCTS WILL NOT APPLY IN 1974.

2. MINECON PLANS IN EARLY JANUARY TO EXPLAIN DETAILS OF
AGREEMENT TO DUTCH IMPORTERS AND OTHERS AFFECTED. WE
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UNDERSTAND RESTRAINT LEVEL FALLS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN

EARLIER BENELUX DEMAND AND JAPANESE OFFER.

3. ONE DUTCH ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER HAS
TOLD EMBASSY AGREEMENT CLEARLY REFLECTS POWER
OF PHILIPS COMPANY SINCE SOME PRODUCTS BEING
LIMITED HAVE NO LOCALLY PRODUCED COUNTERPARTS.
SOURCE INDICATED JAPANESE RESTRICTION OF EXPORT
OF TAPE RECORDERS IS REAL VICTORY FOR PHILIPS
SINCE PHILIPS DOES NOT PRODUCE THESE PRODUCTS
IN NETHERLANDS BUT IMPORTS FROM ITS PLANTS IN
THIRD COUNTRIES.
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